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November 4, 1966

Dr. Robert F. Thorne
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College Ave.
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Dr. Thorne:

Will start off with the not-so-good specimens first. The last two look pretty good.

Nos. 1 (Large leaf) & 2: From Albany, Alameda Co. - "Have been unable to identify the two plants, specimens enclosed, found in my garden. The single leaf grows into a very large-size leaf - 12 inches and larger, and comes from a shrub that just keeps growing. The other specimen may be an herb but I'm not sure."

No. 3: From Hamilton City, Glenn Co. - "Please! What is the correct name of this tree? Also common name? It has long racemes covered with small yellow flowers. Apparently not a fast-growing big tree but very striking and showy in summer. Leaves and how they grow, also pod and seed enclosed."

No. 4: From Walnut Creek, Contra Costa Co. - "Enclosed is from a tree I have growing in yard. Would like to know the name and if it is a native of California. We cut the tree down once but it came up again and is at least 20 - 25 feet high."

Good luck. At least half of these are good, which seems to be about average.

Thanks,

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